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WFA WILL ALLOCATE RECORD WHEAT
CROP TO INSURE 1945-46 RESERVE

6/4 SAN FRANCISCO, July 21---This year's all-time record domestic wheat crop will be allocated by the War Food Administration to provide a substantial carry-over against the possibility of shorter supplies in 1945-46, the regional Office of Distribution of the WFA announced today.

Bert W. Whitlock, regional OD grain products chief, said July 1 estimates indicate a 1944 harvest of 1,128,000,000 bushels, compared with a 1943 crop of 836,000,000 bushels and a 1937-41 average production of 858,000,000 bushels. The largest previous harvest, in 1915, slightly exceeded one billion bushels.

"Total 1944-45 supplies of wheat in the United States probably will exceed 1,500,000,000 bushels, which should be sufficient not only to meet all needs for the fiscal year beginning July 1, but also provide a substantial carry-over," said Whitlock.

Total requirements for the ensuing year are estimated at 1,115,000,000 bushels. Of this amount, the WFA is allocating 931,000,000 bushels (83 per cent) for civilian food, feed, seed and industrial uses including about 118,000,000 bushels for the manufacture of industrial alcohol. Another 118,000,000 bushels (11 per cent) is earmarked for U. S. military and war services, and for our allies, territories and other friendly nations. Approximately 65,000,000 bushels is allocated for the relief of liberated areas.

The allocation is expected to provide a balance of 435,000,000 bushels to be carried over into the 1945-46 fiscal year.

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BEEF SET-ASIDE CONTINUED---The WFA set-aside of "army-style" beef for the armed forces will be continued at 35 per cent of the choice, good, commercial and

utility grades slaughtered during the period beginning July 23. The only change is reduction from 650 to 600 pounds in the top weight limit of heifer beef carcasses to qualify as "army style".

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